

Governor's Children's Cabinet
Nutrition and Food Security Work Group
Patrick Henry Building, West Reading Room
July 25th, 2018; 2:00 – 4:00PM
Approved Minutes

Members present:

Salaam Bhatti
Dominic Barrett
Seth Benton
Maureen McNamara Best
Elizabeth Borst
Sandy Curwood
Robin Gahan
Paula Garrett
Andrea Gregg
Trista Grigsby
Pam Hess
Marty Kilgore
Meredith Ledlie
Claire Mansfield
Rose Mastracco
Kathleen Murphy
Eddie Oliver
Melissa Peeler
Kelly Pious
Lauren Schmitt
Sally Schwitters
Bill Scruggs
Mary Dunne Stewart
Sandy Stokes
Olivia Wilson

The first meeting of the Governor's Children's Cabinet Nutrition and Food Security work group was held on July 25th, 2018 and began at 2:00PM.

Heidi Hertz opened the meeting and welcomed all attendees.

First Lady of Virginia, Mrs. Pamela Northam was introduced by Heidi Hertz. Mrs. Northam greeted the workgroup attendees and thanked them for the past and future efforts to combat food insecurity in Virginia.

Meeting attendees introduced themselves and shared their organization name and their title within the organization.

Connor Andrews provided an overview of the Children's Cabinet and shared that the areas of focus for Governor Northam's Children's Cabinet will be early childhood development and school readiness, nutrition and food security, and systems of care and safety for school-aged youth.

Heidi Hertz provided a brief timeline of state-level groups and activities that have addressed food insecurity, food deserts, expanding school nutrition programs, and childhood hunger.

The meeting attendees self-selected into three groups to discuss the focus areas for the nutrition and food security work group. For each goal, the small group discussed specific objectives to consider, metrics, information to gather, the potential role of the Governor's Children's Cabinet, and what needs to be done first. Each small group also provided recommendations for additional members to the work group.

Each small group reported out to the larger work group the discussions and recommendations for initial next steps.

Heidi Hertz provided a brief update on the FeedVA Day of Action and encouraged work group members to participate.

The meet concluded at 4:10PM.